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Officials sign agreement to begin Beyond the Horizon 2008

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PARAMARIBO, Suriname – Officials met at the Ministry of Defense Friday, June 27, to sign a memorandum of understanding regarding the Beyond the Horizon exercise in Paramaribo, Suriname.

Dennis Kamperveen, permanent secretary of the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Suriname, and U.S. Army Col. Robert A. Casias, commander for the Beyond the Horizon exercise, U.S. Army South, signed the memorandum to officiate the exercise.

The purpose of this exercise is to provide humanitarian assistance to the people of Suriname. The support will appear in forms of health care and building improvements at different schools and clinics, Kamperveen said.

“This is a continuation of a relationship between two friendly countries,” said Kamperveen.

Casias said he was thankful for the support Suriname has given the U.S. military to make the partnership possible.

“I am looking forward to this excellent exercise, and it is now time to get to work,” he added.

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080627-A-5202-006: PARAMARIBO, Suriname – U.S. Army Col. Robert A. Casias, Beyond the Horizon commander, U.S. Army South, and Dennis Kamperveen, permanent secretary of the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Suriname, sign a memorandum of understanding Friday, June 27, at the Ministry of Defense in Paramaribo, Suriname, as part of the Beyond the Horizon exercise. (Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)

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080627-A-5202-028: PARAMARIBO, Suriname – U.S. Army Col. Robert A. Casias, Beyond the Horizon commander, U.S. Army South, and Dennis Kamperveen, permanent secretary of the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Suriname, sign a memorandum of understanding agreement Friday, June 27, at the Ministry of Defense in Paramaribo, Suriname, as part of the Beyond the Horizon exercise. (Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)

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080640-A-5202-040: PARAMARIBO, Suriname – U.S. Army Col. Robert A. Casias, Beyond the Horizon commander, U.S. Army South, and Dennis Kamperveen, permanent secretary of the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Suriname, shake hands after signing a memorandum of understanding agreement Friday, June 27, at the Ministry of Defense in Paramaribo, Suriname, as part of the Beyond the Horizon exercise. (Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Theanne Tangen) (RELEASED)

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